

of the American Board of Dermatology, the Board has released the following statement:

"The expert evaluation of patients with cutaneous diseases, including benign and malignant lesions of the skin, depends upon the correlation of the gross and microscopic findings by the dermatologist. Therefore, dermatopathology has been and must continue to be an essential component of the dermatologist's training and is an inherent part of the practice of dermatology. Examination in this subject has been and will continue to be an important, integral part of the certification procedure for recognition as a diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology.

"The establishment of certification of Special Competence in Dermatopathology in no way detracts from the recognition accorded by this Board's certification in Dermatology. While most diplomates regularly and necessarily practice dermatopathology, it is not contemplated that the great majority of diplomates will seek certification of special competence. Such certification will be appropriate to those physicians who have a special interest in this sub-specialty, particularly those who devote all or a substantial part of their practice to the specific field of dermatopathology, whether as consultants, in research, or otherwise."

#### **Dermatologists to Receive Therapy Newsletter**

This month marks the beginning of a new service to practicing dermatologists—distribution of the monthly *Current News in Dermatology* (known as the Schoch Letter) to members of the American Academy of Dermatology without charge.

Thomas W. Murrell, Jr., M. D., Richmond, Va., head of the Clinical Practice Task Force of the AAD's National Program for Dermatology, announced that arrangements have been completed for organizational sponsorship of the popular newsletter inaugurated by Arthur G. Schoch, M.D., Dallas, Tex., some 20 years ago.

The monthly publication, which will be supported by advertising revenue, will be edited by Harry L. Arnold, M.D., Honolulu, Ha.

Dr. Murrell said he considers *Current News in Dermatology* a potential "hot line" for the quick dissemination of information, opinions, and experiences on practical dermatologic therapy. He said the newsletter would not only report on new drugs and treatment modalities, but will also provide an insight into on-going research of interest to the practicing dermatologist.

Following in the tradition of Dr. Schoch's editorial format, the newsletter will be a forum for the reporting of practice experiences in treatment of skin diseases. Dr. Murrell urged AAD members to contribute appropriate information to the new editor.

#### **Wiley Sams Honored by Peers**

November 19, 1974, was Wiley M. Sams Day in Atlanta, Ga. The occasion was the annual meeting of the Section on Dermatology of the Southern Medical Association. The Section set aside one day of the scientific program to honor Wiley M. Sams, M.D., Miami, Fla., "for his contributions to the Southern Medical Association and to the specialty of dermatology."

J. Graham Smith, Jr., M.D., Augusta, Ga., Section Chairman, said it was the first time in history that a day in the program had been dedicated to a distinguished dermatologist member of the SMA.

At the conclusion of the day's events, a plaque was presented to Dr. Sams.

#### **Advisory Board Sets Up Districts**

The 84-member Advisory Board to the National Program for Dermatology took steps last month to become a more potent force in the affairs of organized dermatology.

The Board consists of representatives from local, state, and regional dermatologic societies and functions in an advisory capacity to the American Academy of Dermatology's National Program for Dermatology.

Harry J. Hurley, M.D., Upper Darby, Pa., Chairman of the Advisory Board, announced that geographic districts have been set up. Local, state, and regional societies within each district—through a coordinating Society—provided nominees for a seat on the Advisory Board's Executive Committee.

Dr. Hurley said that through a formal structuring of representatives, the Advisory Board would be able to channel local, state, and regional opinions to the National Program for Dermatology and to its parent body, the American Academy of Dermatology.

#### **138 Stations Air Sun Message**

The American Academy of Dermatology's public service television announcement on dangers of over-exposure to sunlight was aired last year by at least 138 TV stations in 42 states.

The filmed announcement was distributed to major television stations with a return postcard requesting that the Academy be informed of its usage. Since, in many cases, the cards were not returned, it is projected that the total number of stations running the announcement was far in excess of the number reporting.

Expenses for the project were underwritten by a grant from G. S. Herbert Laboratories.